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TO: Honorable Jerry Madden, Chair, House Committee on Corrections

FROM: John S O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2124 by Workman (Relating to victim notification regarding the release of a defendant who was acquitted by reason of insanity in a criminal case.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend Section 4 (d) (8), Article 46.03 of the Code of Criminal Procedure by transferring it to Subchapter A, Chapter 46C, designating it as Article 46C.003, and further amending the provision. The proposed amendments relate to notification of the victim regarding the release of a defendant who was acquitted by reason of insanity in a criminal case. The proposed amendment would make victim notification the responsibility of the superintendent of the state mental health hospital to which the acquitted person was committed or placed or to community-based treatment and supervision, after receiving the victim's name, address, and phone number from the clerk of the court. To the extent the bill would amend provisions relating to notification of victims, no significant fiscal implication to the state is anticipated. The bill would take immediate effect if the bill receives two-thirds the vote of all members in both houses. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2011.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 212 Office of Court Administration, Texas Judicial Council, 696 Department of Criminal Justice

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